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Is Qualified Immunity Constitutional?

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Time: 12:00pm

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A discussion about the constitutionality of the doctrine of qualified immunity with Professors Rudovsky and Struve hosted by the Journal of Law and Social Change, Penn Law Black Students Association, and American Constitution Society.

It is no secret that the issue of police brutality is alive and well in our society. Under Chapter 42 of the United States Code, section 1983, plaintiffs can bring lawsuits against government actors for the use of excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The doctrine of qualified immunity functions as a shield for police against claims of excessive force. It is typically the highest and hardest hurdle that keeps plaintiffs from recovering damages for violations of their constitutional rights unless a government official violated "clearly established law." Professors Rudovsky and Struve will provide remarks and commentary on the topic. There will be time at the end for Q&A following the presentation.

Greek Lady will be served.

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